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Applicants : Tomohiko Horiguchi et al.
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Filed : October 14, 2003
For : AMPUTATED PART HOLDING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

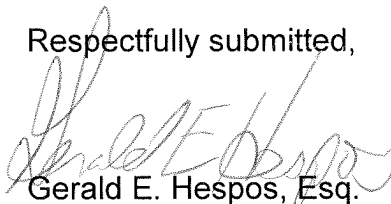
The above-identified application was allowed on September 20, 2007. An Office Action issued in connection with the related Japanese application on November 20, 2007. The Japanese Office Action was translated by Japanese counsel for the applicant and the translated Office Action was submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement on December 14, 2007. The Information Disclosure Statement was accompanied by a copy of a Japanese reference cited in the Japanese Office Action. The reference was accompanied by an English language abstract.

The undersigned attorney for the applicants did not receive comments from the Examiner regarding the impact of the Information Disclosure Statement by the due date for paying the Issue fee. As a result, the issue fee was paid on December 19, 2007 to avoid abandonment.

The application was withdrawn from issue in a communication dated January 23, 2008. The attorneys of record for the applicants were advised that a refund could be requested.

This communication is submitted to request a refund of the \$1,770.00 that was paid for the issue fee and for patent copies. Please credit the refund to our Deposit Acct. No. 03-1030.

Respectfully submitted,

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